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At the National Capital.

Regular correspondence.

WASHINGTON, July 30, 1900.—Chairman Richardson, of the Democratic Congressional campaign committee, returned to the Washington headquarters this week from a trip to New York and is now engaged upon the speech he will make as chairman of the committee to notify Colonel Bryan of his nomination, at Indianapolis, August 8. Mr. Richardson reports the Congressional campaign in New York to be entirely satisfactory to the Democrats, but says he will not go so far at this time as to claim more than a fighting chance for the electoral votes of the State. Information sent to Democratic headquarters from the Middle West is decidedly cheering. Instead of claiming Illinois and Indiana to be doubtful States, there is now a disposition to put them in the certain Democratic column, and many believe that the desertion of the Republican party by German voters who can not stand imperialism will also give Wisconsin to the Democrats. Illinois has 24 electoral votes, Indiana 15, and Wisconsin 12, all of which Mr. McKinley received in '96. Democrats around headquarters are not really claiming as much as the news received would justify them in doing, because they do not wish to create the impression that they are chasing rainbows. Every day the probabilities increase that the next House will be Democratic and that Bryan and Stevenson will be elected if the Democrats throughout the country keep up their present aggressive attitude.

The statement previously made in this paper, that the Senate committee ordered to investigate receipts and expenditures of money in Cuba would not begin work in time to make a report before the election, has been practically confirmed by Senator Platt, of Connecticut, chairman of the committee. Directly after Congress adjourned Mr. Platt said he would call the committee together as soon as a detailed statement of expenditures and receipts which the War and Post-Office departments had been asked to prepare as a basis for the committee's work was ready. Now, he says that the War and Post-Office departments are conducting investigations and that he will not call the committee together until they have finished and furnished him copies of the result. This is all twaddle. Mr. Platt knows that the party bosses have ordered the Senatorial investigation held up until there will be no danger of its affecting the election and that everybody else knows it, too.

Although carefully edited by Postmaster-General Smith before it was made public, the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow on the stealings of Neely and Rathbone and their gang and other crookedness connected with the Cuban postal service shows that a disgraceful state of affairs existed in Cuba, in which rascally Republican officials showed the Cubans that they could outdo the Spanish officials in stealing and extravagant expenditure of public money. Still, there are persons who express surprise because Cubans do not recognize Americans to be superior to them.

Representatives McCall, of Massachusetts, and Littlefield, of Maine, both of whom voted against their party on the Porto Rican tariff bill, are to be sent into the Middle West to stamp their respective districts being overwhelmed by Republicanism in order to try to keep the large number of Republicans in that section who

thought as they did about the Porto Rican tariff in line for McKinley.

Senator Jones, Chairman of the Democratic national committee, stopped in Washington on his way to New York to hold a conference with a number of prominent Democrats on the conduct of the campaign, which is to be at once started and pushed aggressively until election day. He is full of enthusiasm over the outlook, which he says is far brighter than it was at this time four years ago.

A message from Minister Conger, dated July 4, has been received at the State Department, saying that Pekin was in a state of anarchy and that the foreigners who were all cooped up in the British legation and under constant fire were bound to be killed if help was not at once had. This message seems to corroborate the opinion of those who think that the administration has allowed itself to be completely hoodwinked by the Chinese minister in Washington. Mr. McKinley has been negotiating with the government of China and promising to act as a mediator in its behalf, when according to Mr. Conger's dispatches there is no government of China, the capital being in a state of anarchy. Some go as far as to express the opinion that the Chinese minister at Washington, who still insists that the foreign ministers at Pekin are safe, has never received a line from Pekin since the trouble began.

Political Potpourri.

The Newberry Herald's editor keeps up with the campaign perhaps better than any other editor in the State, because he has better opportunities. He says that the report is being systematically circulated that Mr. Gary is gaining great strength and a strong following and that McSweeney is losing. This is done by the friends of Mr. Gary for the purpose of discounting Governor McSweeney. There is no real foundation for it. The situation has not changed materially since the campaign opened. The claims of the friends of Mr. Gary brings to the memory of the Newberry editor that in his county some years ago in the contest between Tillman and Sheppard the Sheppard supporters had a complete roster of the voters and gave Tillman all the doubtful voters and then had him beat by about 100 votes.

It is a remarkable campaign that is drawing to a close in North Carolina. To-morrow the people of that State will vote upon a constitutional amendment embodying the Louisiana method of restricting the suffrage, the practical effect of which is expected to be the elimination of a major part of the negro vote. At the same time State officers and members of the General Assembly will be elected; the successor to Hon. Marion Butler in the United States Senate. The Republicans and Populists have effected a fusion of the two parties and are united in opposition to the proposed amendment, which the Democrats support.

Such, in general, is the situation and the issue. As to the merits of the suffrage amendment, it is merely the old question of getting rid of the negro vote and of safeguarding the unlettered white vote. It is a familiar proposition in every Southern State. In North Carolina, however, it is complicated and accentuated by elements which make the contest one involving the civilization, order, stability, progress, and fair name of the State. It is not an ordinary political contest at all. It is a struggle in which there is arrayed on one side the intelligence, decency, and responsibility of the State, largely regardless of party; and on the other the negro and the ignorant and vicious malcontents of the whites, led and inspired by politicians who are the legates of the carpet-bagger and the scoundrel of other days.

If the people of North Carolina have not lost the sterling good sense from which they have sel-

dom lapsed in the past, a landslide may be predicted with confidence for the Democratic ticket and what it stands for. We should regard any supposition to the contrary as an insult to the intelligence, patriotism and probity of a neighboring commonwealth.

Here is Chinese Gordon's opinion of the Chinese, delivered many years ago to an English friend and now put in print because of the marvelous accuracy of its predictions: "They do not fear death, and I have seen Chinamen stand up bravely sometimes and fly like sheep afterwards. But what Europeans have to consider is the awful consequences of a general movement, when we least expect it, in the vast inert mass of hundreds of million men to overwhelm the 'foreign devils' whom they hate like poison; and the danger of such an outburst becomes greater every year, for the Chinese are continually harassed by the European states with demands for compensations, in some cases very just, in others quite frivolous; and, as they see that their only means of meeting the aggressions is to organize an army with improved weapons, you may depend upon it that they will buy guns and rifles and ships, and with the aid of Europeans, who will always be found ready to drill and organize them, some fine day you will have to face a formidable army. Of one thing be quite sure. The days when you could march up to Chinese troops in position, or in defense of a position, and sweep them away like flies, will soon be over. No more military promenades by a few hundred British and French troops through the country driving thousands of Chinese before them. Never trust a mandarin, great or small. I was only too glad when I left their service. With all their hideous superstitions, their vices, and their ignorance, the Chinese are far too good for their nobles—or whatever you like to call the rulers of the people. The government of France, Russia, and England have treated them most scandalously for the last 40 years."

The State ticket contains the names of candidates for just 10 offices, for which there are just 29 candidates. Separate tickets are to be provided for congressmen, solicitors, and county officers. The voter is required simply to run a line through the names of the candidates for whom he does not wish to vote.

Efforts will be made by the State committee to have the results at every precinct in the State reported by wire to the State chairman on the night of the election, so that by the following morning the result of the first primary will be known as far as possible. Every county in the State will do well in this matter to follow the lead of Richland. This county has made provision for messengers from each county precinct, who will start for the county seat with the returns as soon as the count has been completed. By 11 o'clock the result in the entire county will therefore be known. It is very essential that these returns be sent in, for the public interest in the result is always great, and a little management in each county can easily avoid the delays that have heretofore been experienced in getting the returns to Columbia, where they can be tabulated.—The State.

A great deal of undue prominence has been given the Charlotte Observer's action in bolting the National Democratic platform and its nominee. From the trend of events for the past five years it will be seen that the Observer has shown a decided partiality for Republicanism, growing stronger and more bold as the time for its capitulation drew nigh. It will be remembered that Mr. D. A. Tompkins, controlling owner of the Observer, has through his high-sounding Southern Spinners' Association left no stone unturned to put a solid gold rim around the policy of imperialism and sugar coat it for the Southern cotton mill men to swallow. From Charlotte, he has busied himself advertising his nonchalance

the Spinners' Association, by frequent press dispatches giving out long-winded resolutions against Democratic policies. Having fought Democracy before the platform was formed, we can not attach any importance to his action now in fighting the party, and can not see that his influence against the ticket now will accomplish more than it has in influencing imperialistic sentiment by the subterfuge of a broad pretence based upon a pitifully narrow actuality. The fact that he himself declares that he does not represent the people of his State, county, and city ought to set at rest the nervous alarm and solicitude felt by our Republican contemporaries for the faithful few when the panicky rush sets in from the hordes of Democracy for the peaceful bosom of Markus Hanna, where benevolent assimilation and protection await all who trust in him and the Republican party and God.—Anderson Intelligencer.

From a betting standpoint, easy a New York press dispatch, the campaign can be said to be fairly under way here, so far as the Presidential contest is concerned. Already a considerable number of wagers have been made and many of them above the thousand dollar mark. The odds are with few exceptions in favor of McKinley and Roosevelt to a slight degree, but Bryan and Stevenson admirers are taking nearly all bets that are offered where the odds are 100 to 80. The betting on New York state in particular is quite brisk, with the odds slightly in favor of the Republicans.

Of Interest to Local Militiamen.

The following item, taken from The State of yesterday, will be read with interest by the members of the local military company: "Yesterday most of the quartermaster's ordnance and other supplies furnished the State by the United States government in accordance with the notifications recently received arrived in the city. The supplies are now being hauled to the State armory. As soon as all of it can be assorted and arranged the adjutant general will begin the issue of supplies to the several companies in the State. He promises to send a sufficient amount of the uniforms, etc., to existing ununiformed companies to uniform and fully equip each company to the full strength of 60 men. All recently admitted companies thus far given no supplies will be equipped for 60 men each."

The Times is requested to state that a meeting of the Fort Mill camp of Confederate veterans will be held in the park Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of electing a delegate to represent the interests of the camp in the selection of the county board of pension commissioners.

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